

Amendments to the Specification:

Please replace the paragraph on page 1, lines 10 to 18, with the following rewritten paragraph:

A cellular phone usually has an in-absence call incoming function for displaying, when the user of the phone does not answer an incoming call, an in-absence incoming call message is on its display. The user sometimes does not answer the incoming call with intention and sometimes fails to answer it. For example, it may occur that the user fails to notice an incoming call and therefore does not see in-absence incoming call message despite that the user carries the phone.

Please replace the paragraph starting on page 3, lines 22 to 25 and continuing on page 4, lines 1 to 9, with the following rewritten paragraph:

Reference will be made to FIG. 2 for describing a specific operation of the illustrative embodiment. As shown, when the phone receives an incoming call (step S1), the controller 12 determines whether or not the user of the phone has answered the call (step S2). If the user has answered the call (YES, step S2), then the controller 12 sets up communication on the phone (step S3). If the incoming call ends without the user answering it (NO, step S2), then the controller 12 causes the display 14 to display an in-absence incoming call message (step S4). Subsequently, the controller 12 causes the timer 16 to start counting a timer value stored in the memory 15 (step S5).